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Newly Assigned Application No.: 10/666935
Applicant: BILLY W. SMITH; JOYCE SMITH
Title: E-Z FUNNEL JR. FOR RIDING LAWN MOWERS ____
Filing Date: _10/30/02__

NOTICE OF NEWLY ASSIGNED APPLICATION NUMBER 10/666935
The above-identified patent application was previously assigned Application Number
_29170125_____. The Examiner Interview Summary Record mailed _____, indicates
that you intended to file a Utility Application and not a Design Application.

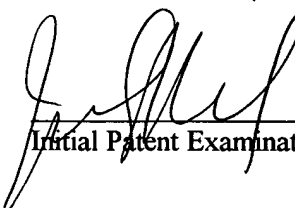
Accordingly, Application No. _29170125_____, has been inactiveated and the application has
been assigned the new application number identified above.

After the office reviews your application and verifies that all fees and obligations have been met, you will
receive a filing receipt and notice. The new application number assigned to the application is listed in the
heading of this letter.

Please correct your records and refer to the new application number in all future correspondence to the
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If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Customer Service, Initial Patent Examination
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Sincerely,


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Sir:

Please file the following enclosed patent application papers:

Applicant #1, Name: BILLY W. SMITH

Applicant #2, Name: JOYCE M. SMITH

Title: E-Z FUNNEL JR.

- ☒ Specification, Claims, and Abstract: Nr. of Sheets 4
- ☒ Declaration: Date Signed: _____
- ☒ Drawing(s): Nr. of Sheets Enc.: Formal: _____ Informal: 2
- ☒ Small Entity Declaration of Inventor(s) ☐ SED of Non-Inventor / Assignee / Licensee
- ☐ Assignment enclosed with cover sheet and recordal fee; please record and return.
- ☒ Payment by ☒ check ☐ credit card (form PTO-2038 attached) in the amount of \$ 40.00 for:
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 - ☐ \$ _____ additional if Assignment is enclosed for recordal.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449, and listed references.
- ☐ Disclosure Document Program reference letter.
- ☐ Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §119(e)(i), applicant(s) claim priority of Provisional Patent Application Ser. Nr. _____, filed _____
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard Addressed to Applicant #1.
- ☐ **Request Under MPEP § 707.07(j):** The undersigned, a pro se applicant, respectfully requests that if the Examiner finds patentable subject matter disclosed in this application, but feels that Applicant's present claims are not entirely suitable, the Examiner draft one or more allowable claims for applicant.
- ☐ **Request for Non-Publication:** The undersigned requests that this application not be published 18 months after filing under 35 USC 122(6)(1). The undersigned certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country or under a multilateral international agreement that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing. The undersigned understands that if this application is filed in a foreign country or under such a multilateral international agreement, the PTO must be notified of such filing or the application will be regarded as abandoned.

Very respectfully,

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Sir:

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